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SUBJECT: FOREIGN PRESS CENTER'S REPORTING TOUR FOR NEAR EAST
AFFAIRS JOURNALISTS - CITIZEN EMPOWERMENT AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY: GRASSROOTS LOBBYING VIA THE INTERNET

¶1. THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION NOMINATES MR. PHILIP MADANAT,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AMMANNET RADIO FOR SUBJECT TOUR: FULL
BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOLLOWS:

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):

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ECA-OFFICE: E/VP

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 146

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PROJ-NAME: FPC: CITIZEN EMPOWERMENT AND INFORMATION

TECHNOLOGY: GRASSROOTS LOBBING VIA THE INTERNET IN THE U.S.

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: INDIVIDUALS TRAVELING TOGETHER

PROG-TYPE: IV GROUP PROJECTS

FY: 2003

DEPART-POST: 09/13/2003

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PROJ-TYPE-ID: ITT

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NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2887

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STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: PRINT JOURNALISM

START BIO:

PREFIX: MR.

F-NAME: PHILIP

M-NAME: ODEH

L-NAME: MADANAT

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 622

PRINCIPAL?: YES

M-ADDR1: P. O. BOX 20513

M-ADDR2:

M-ADDR3:

M-CITY: AMMAN 11118

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: JORDAN

M-ZONE:

M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: (962-6) 5853857

M-FAX:

M-EMAIL: PMADANAT@TERRA.ES

M-CNTRY-ID: JO

M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: M

DOB: 08/19/1962

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: JERUSALEM

BIRTH-CNTRY: WEST BANK

CITIZ-CNTRY: JORDAN

RES-CNTRY: JORDAN

START MEMO POSITION:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AMMANNET RADIO, JULY 2002- PRESENT

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

PROGRAM MANAGER, EDITING, AL-ANDALUS TELEVISIN
INTERNACIONAL MARBELLA, FEBRUARY 1999- JUNE 2002;
ARAB BANK PLC., SUCURSAL EN ESPAÑA, AUGUST 1998- JANUARY
1999; TRAINING AS A CUSTOMS AND SERVICE OFFICER, AUGUST
1996- APRIL 1997; VOLUNTEER: COORDINATOR OF WORK AMONG
MINORITIES; PRIVATE BUSINESS, PHILIP MADANAT EST., AMMAN,
JORDAN, 1992-1996; IMPORT, MARKETING AND SELLING OF JAPANESE
PRODUCTS IN JORDAN IN COOPERATION WITH FUJIWARA INDUSTRIAL
CO., LTD. - OSAKA; EXPORT OF JORDANIAN PRODUCTS TO JAPAN
(HELD THREE "JORDAN TRADE FAIRS" IN JAPAN IN COOPERATION
WITH THE SEIYU LTD. & THE SEIBU DEPARTMENT STORES, LTD.);
REPRESENTING SEVERAL JORDANIAN INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES AT THE
"JAPAN INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR" FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE FAIRS
IN TOKYO AND OSAKA; LINKING A JAPANESE WRITER WITH A

A
JORDANIAN WRITER IN ORDER TO TRANSLATE AND PUBLISH JAPANESE
LITERATURE IN JORDAN; INTERNATIONAL MARKETING FOR INCOMING
TOURS, LINKING INTERNATIONAL TOURIST AGENCIES AND
PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS IN COOPERATION
WITH QANTAS AIRWAYS, 1994-1995;
FREELANCE WORK IN JAPAN, OCTOBER 1989- JUNE 1992;
TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION FROM AND TO JAPANESE TO ASIAN
TECHNICIANS IN THE JAPAN RAILWAY CORPORATION, OSAKA;
TRAINING ASIAN WORKERS AT A JAPANESE AUTO-PARTS FACTORY IN
OSAKA: KOKUSAN BUHIN KABUSHKI GAISHA; SHIPPING CANVASSER-
MARKETING DEPARTMENT, AMIN KAWAR & SONS CO., 1987-1989;
PROMOTING SHIPPING LINES (MAINLY CONTAINER LINERS) TO
MERCHANTS; JORDAN - GULF INSURANCE CO., 1985-1986; TRAINEE:
MARKETING LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES, 1983-1985.

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

BACHELOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES, YARMOUK UNIVERSITY,
1983; UNIVERSAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE INSTITUTE JAPANESE
LANGUAGE INTERMEDIATE COURSE, OSAKA - JAPAN, JULY 1991-
MARCH 1992; OSAKA UNIVERSITY RESEARCH STUDENT OF ECONOMICS
(FINANCE), FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, APRIL 1990 - JUNE 1991;
OSAKA UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES JAPANESE LANGUAGE
ELEMENTARY COURSE, OSAKA - JAPAN, OCTOBER 1989- MARCH 1990
(SCHOLARSHIP FROM GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN); ESCUELA DE VERANO
ESPAOLA, SPANISH LANGUAGE SUPERIOR COURSE, MADRID - SPAIN,
JULY 1-30, 1986 (SCHOLARSHIP FROM GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN)
SPANISH CULTURAL CENTER, SPANISH LANGUAGE INTERMEDIATE,
1984 -1987

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

OTHER COURSES & SEMINARS

ESSAY WRITING (VETERAN JOURNALIST GIL BUTLER, USA EMBASSY-
AMMAN) FEBRUARY 2003, CURSO DE CONTABILIDAD (ACCOUNTING),
OCTOBER 98- FEB. 1999; CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS CONTABLE,
MARBELLA; OPERACIONES BANCARIAS 1 & OPERACIONES BANCARIAS 2,
OCTOBER- DEC. 1998; CURSO POR CORRESPONDENCIA, EPISE-
BARCELONA; MS - WINWORD, NOVEMBER 26-30, 1994;
INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS AND MS - WINDOWS, 1993;
ELECTRONIC SPREADSHEETS USING MS - EXCEL; PREPARING
SALESMEN, JULY 1-5, 1989; ARAB CENTRE FOR TRAINING, RESEARCH
& CONSULTATION- JORDAN; MANAGEMENT OF SEA, LAND & AIR
FREIGHT OPERATIONS, SEPT. 26- OCT. 14, 1987, JORDAN
MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE AMMAN, JORDAN.

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

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START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

NONE

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FIRST-LANG: ARABIC

ENGL-READ: 4

ENGL-SPEAK: 4

ENGL-COMP: 4

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OTHER-LANG: SPANISH

OTHER-LANG-ID: QB

READ: 2

SPEAK: 2

COMP: 2

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START OTHER-LANGS:

OTHER-LANG: JAPANESE

OTHER-LANG-ID: JA

READ: 1

SPEAK: 1

COMP: 1

END OTHER-LANGS:

START OTHER-LANGS:

OTHER-LANG: HEBREW

OTHER-LANG-ID: HE

READ: 1

SPEAK: 1

COMP: 1

END OTHER-LANGS:

START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:

PHILIP MADANAT IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AMMANNET RADIO, THE FIRST INTERNET RADIO IN THE ARAB WORLD AND THE ONLY ONE IN JORDAN. AMMANNET WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1999 WITH THE HELP OF UNESCO, BUT HAS SINCE GONE INDEPENDENT AND HAS COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS IN JORDAN. AMMANNET COVERS VARIOUS POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES BOTH LOCALLY AND REGIONALLY. THE CONCEPT OF INTERNET RADIO REMAINS NOVEL IN JORDAN, BUT ITS POTENTIAL IN EXPANDING THE LIMITS IMPOSED ON PRESS FREEDOMS IN THE COUNTRY IS GRADUALLY BEING NOTICED AND RECOGNIZED. MADANAT, A BUSINESSMAN RUNNING A MEDIA ORGANIZATION, EXPRESSED AN UNDERSTANDING FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF STRETCHING THE LIMITS OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND PRESS FREEDOMS IN TERMS OF ADDRESSING ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. THIS IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING BECAUSE IT IS HAPPENING IN A REGION WHERE CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENTS AND REGIMES IS NOT WELL-APPRECIATED. MADANAT IS SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN MAKING AMMANNET A CONDUIT FOR RAISING THE CEILING OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY, SPECIALLY IN THE FIELDS OF GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS IN JORDAN. WE BELIEVE THAT BY TAKING PART IN THIS PROGRAM, MADANAT WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY THE KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC GRASS-ROOTS ORGANIZING TECHNIQUES TO WIDEN THE SCOPE AND IMPACT OF AMMANNET'S WORK IN JORDAN.

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END MEMO VIS-REC:

NOMINATING-OFFICER: IO

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION

SPEAKER?: NO

NOTIFY-EMB: YES

MEDIA?: YES

HOME-STAY: NO

HOME-HOSP?: YES

E-I-TYPE: NONE

NOMINEE-ID: 275

PERSON-ID: 268

BIRTH-CNTRY-ID: WB

CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: JO

RES-CNTRY-ID: JO

FIRST-LANG-ID: AR

E-I-TYPE-ID: N

NOM-POST-ID: 2887

NOM-FUNDING-CNTRY-ID: 2887

NOM-STATUS: N

DS2019-ACTION: 1

DS2019-SUBJECT: 38.0103

SPONS-FUNDS: 7600

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USGOVT-AGENCY1: DOS

US-AGENCY-AMT1: 7600

USGOVT-AGENCY2:

US-AGENCY-AMT2: 0

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INTL-ORG-AMOUNT1: 0

INTL-ORG2:

INTL-ORG-AMOUNT2: 0

VIS-GOVT-AMT: 0

COMMISSION: 0

OTHER-AMOUNT: 0

VIS-AMOUNT: 0

VIS-CAT: 5

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